

Redelegations

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- ▶ Assignment of a new operator of a (country code) top-level domain
- ▶ Unlike routine requests to alter the root zone, tested for public interest criteria in addition to the normal processing checks.

Guiding Documents

- ▶ Domain Name Structure and Delegation (1994)
 - ▶ <http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc1591.txt>
- ▶ Domain Name Structure and Delegation (1999)
 - ▶ <http://www.icann.org/icp/icp1.htm>
- ▶ The Governmental Advisory Committee Principles for Delegation and Administration of ccTLDs.
 - ▶ <http://www.icann.org/committees/gac/gac-cctldprinciples-23feb00.htm>

Redelegation Procedure

- ▶ Request for redelegation is sent to IANA
- ▶ IANA performs evaluation
 - ▶ consultations with:
 - ▶ requestor to understand situation, seek additional documentation
 - ▶ current operators to determine consent
 - ▶ local Internet actors to confirm assertions on LIC support
 - ▶ governments to identify support
 - ▶ ICANN staff who have insight into local situation
- ▶ If assessed to proceed, considered by ICANN board
- ▶ Upon approval, implement normally (incl. USDOC, VeriSign)
- ▶ Report published on website

Criteria for assessing applicant (1 of 2)

1. Operational and technical skills

- a. The prospective manager has the requisite skills to operate the TLD appropriately. (ICP-1 §a, RFC 1591 §3.5)
- b. There must be reliable, full-time IP connectivity to the nameservers and electronic mail connectivity to the operators; (ICP-1 §a; RFC 1591 §3.1)
- c. The manager must perform its duties in assigning domains and operating nameservers with technical competence (ICP-1 §d; RFC 1591 §3.5)

2. Operator in country

- a. The prospective manager supervises and operates the domain name from within the country represented by the TLD; (ICP-1 §a; RFC 1591 §3.1)
- b. The prospective administrative contact must reside in the country represented by the TLD. (ICP-1 §a; RFC 1591 §3.1)

Criteria for assessing applicant (2 of 2)

3. Equitable treatment

a. The prospective manager must be equitable and fair to all groups encompassed by the TLD that may request domain names (ICP-1 §c; RFC 1591 §3.3)

4. Community/Governmental support

a. The prospective manager has the requisite authority to operate the TLD appropriately, with the desire of the government taken very seriously. (ICP-1 §a, GAC Principles)

b. Significantly interested parties in the domain should agree that the prospective manager is the appropriate party to receive the delegation (ICP-1 §a; RFC 1591 §3.4)

Other evaluation considerations

- ▶ Transition plan
- ▶ Consent of the current operator
- ▶ Malfeasance by the current operator

Thank you for your attention!

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